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A LIVELY CHASE.

"I will give one hundred dollars for
the capture of the next man who cuts
those fences," said Colonel Chensney to
the band of cowboys, who sat on their
slender ponies out upon the bluff near
the valley. "This is the second time
the fence has been cut," he went on,
"and I'm sure the rival company is
hiring somebody to do it. I know you
ain't near here during the day, but
keep your eyes open, boys, and there's
five double eagles for some of you."

With that he touched his shining
brass spurs to the flanks of his thor-
oughbred, and started off toward town,
leaving the half dozen herders to has-
ten to their usual places as guards for
the thousand cattle scattered for a
mile or more over the prairie.

A strong rivalry existed between
the Occidental Cattle Company and
Colonel Chensney. Both claimed the
right to water their stock at Deer
Creek, but there was only water enough
for one herd. So the Colonel had run
a barbed wire fence along the stream
and this had twice been cut by the op-
posing men. The work was done when
the Chensney herd was out on the bluffs,
as then none of the men were about the
corral. Bad blood was aroused and the
colonel had made his extravagant offer
in good faith.

"One hundred dollars is lots of mon-
ey," said Clive Haston to his chum
Ralph, as they rode along toward the
herd.

"Yes, but a fellow'd have to be
mighty sly to get a chance at the Oc-
cidental men. Some are Mexicans, too."

The two boys were the youngest of
the herders and this was their first
summer in the West. They were work-
ing hard to save enough money to re-
turn to their home, for they had seen
enough already of the cattle country
and its life.

"If we could only see each other all
the time," mused Clive, "we could both
watch the valley, and I think I could
round up the rascal."

"That's so," was the reply. "You
know I saw him the other day, but I
was too far off, and couldn't get word
to nobody to help me."

"Say, you fellows," suddenly bawled
out one of the herders, "See where the
cattle is going. Skip out there lively
now, and watch 'em."

Regretfully the boys separated for
the day, and rode away, each to his
own "beat" or division; the six riders
forming a circle about the herds. Clive
and Ralph occupied stations on op-
posite sides of the little valley, a mile or
more in width, while the herd which
preferred the upland grass, was during
the day feeding still further from
the stream up and down its course. At
night the cattle were turned homeward
and at last lay down to rest near the
corral and ranch house.

As they came in that evening, Ralph

said to Clive:

"Say, I believe we can get the hun-
dred dollars."

"How's that? Stay here and
watch?"

"No; we'd lose our jobs then, and
that would not do."

Their horses had waded into the
stream by this time for a drink, and
the setting sun's rays reflected from a
quiet piece of water a few rods away
struck them full in the eyes.

"Do you see that sunlight?" asked
Ralph.

"See it! Well I can't very well
help it, can I?"

"That's the way we'll catch the fence
cutter," was Ralph's somewhat puz-
zling reply.

But he explained it later, and the re-
sult was that both the boys took mys-
terious packages under their arms
when they rode out to guard the herd
the next morning.

Arriving at their stations on the op-
posite bluffs, each, during the inter-
vals when no stray steer needed chas-
ing into line, erected a peculiar appar-
atus. It was not complicated. Simply
a piece of mirror fastened by two
strings to two poles, a yard or more
apart. The poles were sharpened at
the lower end so that they could read-
ily be stuck into the tough sod and yet
changed easily from one place to an-
other.

A moment sufficed to fix the look-
ing glass so that a bright ray of sun-
light was sent across the valley to the
other station and the wide-brimmed
sombro hats served excellently for
shutting off and letting shine the light
if desired.

"Dash-dot-dash," said Ralph to
himself referring to a Morse telegraph
alphabet which he had written on a
piece of cardboard, accompanying his
words by holding a hat at intervals be-
fore the mirror.

"O. K.," he spelled out and in a mo-
ment came back slowly but certainly
the message from across the valley.
"O. K." A full-fledged telegraph line
was ready for operations.

The boys took much pleasure in
their new acquirement and grew quite
proficient in its use by nightfall. Not
only had they enjoyed signaling, but
it had aided them considerably in
sending information as to the move-
ments of the main herders and of the
other herders.

Three days passed without anything
material happening, and now the divi-
sion of the herd were still wider separ-
ated on account of the lack of nutri-
tious grass, but the signals were just
as powerful and satisfactory as ever.

On the afternoon of the fourth day,
Ralph had much trouble with an un-
ruly cow which persisted in leaving
her companions and exiting by herself.
Twice he had driven her back, and had
just reined his pony after the third
time when his horse threw up his head
as if partially blinded for a moment.
Ralph looked ahead—there was noth-
ing; then off to the right, and away
over the valley on the highest bluff
point was the twinkling signal. They
had not used their line much that day,
and he had suspected something was
wrong.

Racing to his own instrument, he
gave a quick flash to show that he was
ready.

"Dash, dash, dot, dot," came the an-
swer with reasonable rapidity consid-
ering Clive's proficiency. "A—man
is—at—the—fence"—he made out the
words—"on—this—side—ride—down
the—valley—and—head—him—off."

"O. K.," he answered and taking a
look at the herd, noting that the cattle
were not straggling badly, he gather-
ed up his long lariat, threw it over the
horn of the saddle and was away.

A ridge extended down the valley
about midway between the two sides,
and he suspected that the fence-cutter
(for he supposed the message to mean
one) to be on the other side. He did
not attempt to cross, but spurred on
his pony at a flying pace. Keeping
high enough up the bluff to see the
station of his friend.

The twinkling light followed him
closely, and he knew Clive had not yet
started. Once he halted and waited a
moment, while the ray spelled out.
"He—is—going—south—I'm—after—
him." Then on again as fast as the
wiry mustang could race.

The light did not show from the
bluff now, and he thought Clive had
started. He headed down across the
valley and made straight for the end
of the ridge, which stuck up like a
great backbone in the valley's level
surface.

In the meanwhile Clive herding his
cattle quietly, had had his attention
attracted by a moving object in the di-
rection of the corral, a mile away. He
rode that way, taking care to keep out
of sight of any one who might be prow-
ling about the fence near the water.

A few minutes riding brought him
behind the grove cottonwoods which
sheltered the yards, and the sharp
"click, click," of a pair of wire cutters
was borne to his ears. The fence was
being cut, and they must make their
capture at once.

He knew that for one to attack a
man single-handed, would be to fail,
so he rode back to the bluff and waited
developments. He thought the rascal
would ride down the valley, as the Oc-
cidental's yards were in that direction,
and he was not disappointed.

It was a stout horseman he saw can-
tering along the bottoms a few mo-
ments later, and he was glad he had
not been rash enough to attempt the
capture single-handed. Hastily he
signaled to Ralph, but it was several
moments before he could attract his
friend's attention. Finally he was
successful, and guided his comrade's
course until he was certain Ralph
knew where to go, when he started out
himself on the depredator's trail.

From the appearance of the man he
was certain that it was a Mexican em-
ploye of the Occidental ranch, and a
vicious character. Down the valley
the trio sped. Clive was not more
than a quarter of a mile behind the
cutter, and his horse being fresh, he
was fast overtaking him. Ralph on
the other side of the ridge was racing
along nearly abreast of the pursued.

Suddenly the Mexican, for it was he,
looking around, saw the boy behind
him, and recognizing the cow-boy
dress, realized at once that he was be-
ing followed. He was evidently un-
armed, having thought he could sneak
away unseen, and was unprepared for
a fight. He had ridden so slowly that
Clive was only twenty-five rods behind
him when he noticed.

Digging the spurs into the horse
with a force which caused the animal
to spring into the air with pain, the
Mexican lurged forward. Clive urged
his pony into a still faster pace and the
race was becoming exciting. The sap-
lings that grew in the valley were
quite numerous here, and between
them the little ponies dodged.

The end of the ridge was being ap-
proached and still Clive did not see
anything of his comrade. He him-
self was only about two hundred feet
behind the fence-cutter, and could see
swinging from the latter's saddle the
pincer-like instrument he had used to
sever the barbed wires.

In a moment they dashed out of a
little clump of cottonwoods and were
in the open valleys, stretching across
from bluff to bluff. Where was Ralph?

He was due at the point at about
the same time as his friend—and there
he came, rounding the opposite corner
of the ridge, his pony on a wild run,
the wind having borne to his ears the
sound of the riders' hoof-beats. His
course was diagonal across the valley
and intersected that of the Mexican.
He rode furiously toward him, and it
was evident that they would soon
come close together.

Clive anxiously watched the out-
come. For himself he felt that his
pony could never overtake the Mexi-
can, and as he had no revolver he was
afraid that the game would escape.
But just then he saw Ralph lean over
in his saddle. Both horses were go-
ing too rapidly to swerve from their
course and there was no need to use
the reins.

Suddenly Ralph straightened up and
a long black object whirled about his
head—it was his lariat. One, two,
three times the long coil of rawhide
circled, and then away it flew ahead
of him and straight for the white-hatted
Mexican, now just crossing Ralph's
course a few yards before. It followed
him, having been thrown with the prac-
tised skill that a few months' training
on the prairie gives, and settled, as a
bird might rest from its flight, quietly,
steadily, but unerringly about the
head of him for whom it was in-
tended.

It caught the Mexican about the
shoulders, fortunately sparing his
neck, and when in a moment the slack
of the line was taken up and the rope
became taut as it drew from Ralph's
saddle pommel, the dark-skinned for-
eigner was jerked from his saddle and
went sprawling over the ground in the
wake of his adversary's horse.

A moment later the boys had
brought their foaming horses to a
standstill, and were binding their
sacred fence-cutter's arms for his
transportation to camp. The fellow
could say nothing, but they could see
by his scowling face that his thoughts
were busy.

"That race couldn't have been
timed better if we had been run by
electricity," remarked Ralph as they
rode back to the valley, the prisoner
walking behind them.

"Well, it was guided by telegraph,
which is about the same thing," was
the reply.

It was three days before Colonel
Chensney came out to the ranch again,
but when he did he was more than
pleased with the young herders' work.
He not only gave them the promised
reward, but praised their ingenuity.

The punishment meted out to the
captured Mexican effectually stopped
the Occidental's fence cutting.

If you would keep the young stock
growing steadily and rapidly, let them
have plenty of clean water at all
times.

EXCHANGED HATS.

A LOUISVILLE MAN WHO BLUNDERED
ABOUT HIS HEADGEAR.

"Well, sir," said a well-known Main
street man, "I had an embarrassing
experience this morning. I invariably
sleep until the very last moment, and
then make a rush for the breakfast
table and the car. This morning I
had but five minutes to get through
eating and catch the car that passed
my door. I fairly poked things down
my throat, and hearing the clang of
the motorman's bell I made a rush for
the street. As I passed through the
mall I snatched a broad-brimmed straw
hat that was hanging on the rack, and
just reached the corner in time. Then
I dropped into a seat and took the
morning paper from my pocket. It was
not long until I heard a gentle titter-
ing from some dry goods clerks in the
seat behind me. They kept it up and
somehow I got the idea into my head
that they were laughing at me.

"After a while I turned fiercely to
one of them and asked what it was
that seemed to amuse him so. He
trembled and managed to gasp out
that I had on my wife's hat. It was
even so, and there was one of those
long, gaudy, yellow pins that women
use to keep their headgear in position,
sticking in it. I was so mad that I
jerked it off and threw it into the
street. Then everybody in the car
roared, and I felt truly furious. When
I reached a hat store I stepped in and
bought me a hat of the masculine
variety. Several hours afterward my
wife dropped in at the store, and she
was wearing my hat. There was a
pin in the back of it, and the little
face veil swinging from the front, but
it was my hat. I didn't say a word,
and that woman is wearing it yet.
What bothers me is that everybody
found out the joke on me, and nobody
has noticed it on her."—*Louisville
Commercial.*

THE STORY OF A PICTURE.

HOW A MOTHER'S PORTRAIT WAS THE
MEANS OF SAVING A SON.

A lady sat for a Paris portrait
painter. Wearing by constant social
exertion and tortured by a hidden
family trouble which threatened mo-
mentarily to burst like a volcano
through the crust of their social posi-
tion, she unconsciously allowed her
face during the time of the sittings to
relax from the rigorous mask of a
pleasantry which she forced her
features into for the world to see.
Three times the artist faithfully paint-
ed the face before him on the canvas,
to discover each time that he had
lined the face of an old woman
haggard and drawn with pain. The
last time, with a dash of his brush
across the picture, the artist set it
aside, and having guessed at some
temporary mental anguish of his
model, which, though making such an
unpleasant portrait, had not destroyed
the likeness, suggested that she defer
the sittings for a few months and re-
sume them after a short rest.

Rumor makes the romantic con-
tinuation of the story send upstairs
the prodigal son, who was one of the
immediate causes of the careworn
lines, which the unwilling artist had
copied into the mother's likeness, and
staggering with intoxicated blundering
into the open doorway of the painter's
studio, instead of that of one of his
cronies on the next floor, was con-
fronted by the face of his mother
above the long, white shroud-like blur,
which was meant to have also obliterated the face. The shock is said to
have sobered the young fellow, and
after convincing the artist of his
sincerity, he persuaded him to be
allowed to carry home the disfigured
painting.—*New York Herald.*

VERY YOUNG BANKERS.

A LOT OF DECENT BOYS CAPITALIZE A
SAVINGS BANK AND START BUSINESS.

A novelty in banks and banking is
the W. C. Lindsey & Sons Banking
Company, of St. Louis, Missouri, with
a capital stock of \$100, at \$1 a share.
The officers at present are: W. C.
Lindsey, Sr., President; Louis H.
Lindsey, Vice President, aged six and
one-half years; Robert T. Lindsey,
Cashier, aged eight years; Richard
W. Lindsey, aged five years; Everett
L. Ames, aged four years, and William
C. Lindsey, Jr., aged one year. It
was decided to capitalize the bank at
\$100 and issue 100 shares at one dollar
each, and to pay something each week
on the shares, any amount from one
cent up being received and the proper
credit given. As fast as these shares
are paid up certificates are issued,
signed by the president and cashier.
The bank was originated to induce
the children to save money, and has
become so popular that after fifty-one
shares were reserved for the family

and forty-nine disposed of, there were
calls for forty shares more. At the
next meeting the board will consider
the advisability of increasing the
capital stock to \$500, when they will
probably invest in real estate. At
present the bank is making loans in
small amounts at the rate of five per
cent. a month, and now holds \$47 of
paper at the above rate. They have
set their mark at \$100 per share, and
confidently expect to make each share
worth that amount by the time the
cashier attains his majority. Among
the stockholders are residents of
Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Tennes-
see and Mississippi. The bank paper
is out in good style, and there is a
bank safe.—*St. Louis Globe Democrat.*

KITE FLYING.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS WITH THEM
AT GREAT HEIGHTS.

It is one of the most difficult under-
takings imaginable to even approxi-
mately estimate the height of a kite
above the earth. This is on account
of the fact that objects floating in the
air seem to be farther away than they
really are. It may be safely said that
1,800 feet is the maximum altitude by
a single kite. A kite flying at the
height mentioned will appear, even to
a conservative observer, to be nearly,
if not quite a half mile above the
surface of the earth, but a careful
measurement of the string and its
angle will quickly prove that it could
not have been more than a fourth of
mile above the ground.

Ordinarily, a kite will go no higher,
even if more string be paid out; this
is because the wind depresses the cord
and causes the kite to really recede
when it appears to rise. It has been
said that it is possible to arrange
several kites in such a manner that
they will reach a higher altitude than
it is possible to attain with a single
kite. In this manner, where three,
four, or even a dozen kites have been
used, remarkable heights have been
reached. When more than one kite is
used, only the main one is attached to
the end of the string, the others being
attached along the main line, at an
average distance of about twelve feet
apart.

Hinkleman, who made experiments
at Budapest, and Irison and Watson,
whose investigations under the Russian
Academy of Sciences were carried on
at Edeene, Finland, report curious re-
sults. Where single kites could be
forced up into the atmosphere to a
height of 1,500 feet, a pair could be
made to ascend to a height of from
2,000 to 2,100 feet, and a tandem
easily reached the high-water mark of
2,500 feet. The three experimenters
alluded to believe that, with a proper
arrangement of the kites, and with a
scientific adjustment of both the tail
and string, a height of two miles will
eventually be reached.—*New York Ad-
vertiser.*

**WEIGHT AND HORSE POWER OF
RAIN.**

One inch of rain falling upon an
area of one square mile is equivalent
to 2,323,200 cubic feet, or nearly
17,500,000 gallons, and this quantity
of water will weigh 145,200,000 pounds,
or 72,600 short tons. If one inch of
rain fell over the entire area of the
city of Philadelphia, 129 square miles,
the quantity of water which would be
precipitated would be represented by
2,250,000,000 gallons, or 18,730,000,000

Collegeville, Mont. Co., Pa.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, Oct. 11, 1894.

CANDIDATE COL. SINGERLY will not be elected Governor of Pennsylvania this year of grace, but he is not going to be defeated by 300,000 majority. Hardly 175,000 will be nearer the mark.

The Czar of Russia is dangerously ill. The malady with which he is afflicted—a disease of the kidneys—is said to be incurable. The Czar's condition is the cause of much unrest throughout Russia.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Association of the Directors of the Poor and Charities of Pennsylvania began their three days' session Tuesday morning at York. About 300 delegates are in attendance, representing about twenty counties.

We give space on this page to an editorial recently published in the Philadelphia Ledger. It contains a number of sensible observations of conspicuous merit. These be days when partisan success is placed high above the welfare of the people at large by sundry party organs.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, the distinguished American poet and writer of prose, died at his home in Boston Sunday afternoon, aged 85 years. He was popularly known as the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table" and held a commanding prominence in American literature. Some of his lyrics are of the kind that will live as a part of the standard literature of the nation, and many of his productions in prose will be cherished by a wide circle of readers for years to come.

It is to be earnestly hoped that Professor Koch's newly discovered diphtheria lymph will prove to be a decisive cure for the dreaded disease which destroys so many lives annually. It is positively claimed that the lymph is almost an absolute cure for diphtheria when taken within thirty-six hours after inoculation. If this claim is fully supported by actual demonstration the time must soon come when diphtheria will be put on the list of curable diseases and when thousands of lives will be saved every year. If Prof. Koch succeeds in his present undertaking he will be entitled to the lasting gratitude of the human race.

REV. A. STAPLETON, of Berwick, Pa., the secretary of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Association, has just returned home from an important official meeting held at Lewisburg, Pa. In an interview he stated that the conference, numbering over 140 ministers, 100 of whom occupy pulpits, and over 16,000 members, will leave the Association in a body, owing to the recent Supreme Court decision, which recognizes the Esch-Bowman faction of the church. He states that a convention of his conference has been called to meet in Williamsport, Pa., on Tuesday, October 16, when it is expected that the present body of ministers will go out to a man, giving over 200 churches to half a dozen Eschite preachers.

From Dun's Review, October 6, we copy the following: "Commercial failures in the third quarter of 1894 have involved liabilities of \$29,361,196 exclusive of banking institutions and railroads, against \$82,469,821 reported a year ago for the same quarter, and for nine months of 1894 the liabilities have been \$131,094,502 against \$251,334,265 last year. The manufacturing liabilities were \$12,331,892 against \$23,905,864 reported a year ago, and in trading \$14,131,230 for the quarter against \$58,814,176 a year ago. For the month of September the liabilities have been smaller than in any other month this year, only \$6,897,124, of which \$2,904,373 were of manufacturing, and \$3,650,092 of trading concerns. The failures for the past week have been 219 in the United States against 320 last year, and 39 in Canada against 45 last year."

ANDREW G. CURTIN, the most famous of all War Governors and a man pre-eminent in statesmanship, died at Bellefonte, this State, Sunday morning, aged 79 years. The beginning of the ex-Governor's final illness dates from February 27 last, when he was severely injured by a fall on the ice. The funeral, largely military in character, was held yesterday (Wednesday).

We take the following from Governor Pattison's proclamation, issued Monday morning, which embodies a concise view in part of the distinguished career of Pennsylvania's great War Governor: "He was a most potent factor in determining the political conditions of the country during the period of the beginning and prosecution of the war for the Union, and for six years he discharged the duties of the office of Governor, to which he had been elected, and re-elected, in a manner that won for him, above all his contemporaries, the title of 'The War Governor.' He was conspicuously helpful to the Federal Government and President Lincoln, and while always jealous of the honor and respectful of the dignity of his own Commonwealth, he aided largely to

make the part of Pennsylvania in the great struggle second to that of no other State in the Union. He was active in raising and equipping troops, and the splendid organization of the Pennsylvania Reserves was owing to his exertions. He was indefatigable in his ministrations for the comfort of Pennsylvania's soldiers in the field, on the march, in the camp or in the hospital. No personal service in this behalf was too exacting for him to render, and often his presence inspired our soldiery, and his sympathy cheered the wives and children of the absent, and the widows and orphans of those who never returned. To him, above all others, the State is indebted for the establishment of the Soldier's Orphans' Schools, and the country owes to him the splendid example of Pennsylvania's care for the children of her soldier dead. He and his native State were honored by his appointment as Minister Plenipotentiary to one of the great powers of Europe, and he was eminently successful in establishing and maintaining the most cordial relations of Russia's great empire with our Republic. He sat an honored member in the Constitutional Convention which framed our present fundamental law. He represented with distinction one of the principal Congressional districts of our State in the House of Representatives of the United States, and when he retired to private life he was followed with the affectionate regard of the people of all parties and of every section of the Commonwealth of which he had been a faithful public representative. His presence in every popular assembly, and especially on the occasion of military reunions, was always the occasion for veneration of his imposing and genial personality.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 5, 1894. —That "politics makes strange bedfellows" is an adage that has grown trite, but it did not seem possible a little while ago that politics could ever make bedfellows of Senator Hill and President Cleveland. Yet a movement is now under way to do that very thing, and many politicians believe that it is going to succeed. The idea, according to your correspondent's information, is that Mr. Cleveland is to use the influence of his administration to help elect Senator Hill governor of New York and that in the event of his election he is to announce that he prefers remaining in the Senate and resign the governorship, allowing Congressman Dan Lockwood, the candidate for lieutenant governor, who is a strong friend of Mr. Cleveland's, to become governor. Secretary Lamont is now in New York working on this scheme, which will, if successful, call off all the democratic opposition to Hill.

The grand shake-up in the Treasury department is over. The bureaux which the Dockery committee recommended should be abolished are no more. Advantage was taken of the reorganization to make about 500 changes in the classification of the clerks in the Treasury, mostly in favor of the clerks who belong to the dominant party. There is a wide difference of opinion as to the reorganization. Some contending that it will be beneficial to the government as well as to those who do business with the government, while many predict that the removal of checks and safeguards upon the expenditure of public money is a hazardous experiment to make one that is likely to encourage crookedness. Time will tell which are right.

The wording of the indictments found this week by the Washington grand jury, against Havemeyer and Seales, the president and secretary of the sugar trust, for refusing to answer questions asked by the Senate investigating committee sounds very much, in places, like a political campaign document, although there is no good reason for believing that the lawyers who drew them had any such intention. The indictments open by giving the terms of the sugar schedule of the McKinley tariff law and say "that the several terms and provisions of aforesaid schedule of said act were of great benefit and advantage to the interests of a certain corporation called the American Sugar Refining Co." (the sugar trust). The indictments give a complete history of the tariff legislation, so far as it relates to the sugar interests, and after quoting newspaper articles charging that the Senate sugar schedule was made in return for the contributions of the sugar trust to the democratic party conclude by finding that "these matters were especially pertinent to such of the inquiry as had for its object the ascertainment, as a matter of fact, whether the said amendments to the tariff bill had been made by the refining company, or whether they had been permitted to dictate the amendments in consideration of large sums of money contributed by the company to the campaign committee of the democratic party to aid in the election to the Senate of members of that party." Somehow, nobody seems to think that the indictments are going to result in any punishment for the sugar trust men.

Ex-Senator Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, who is now U. S. Railroad Commissioner, has been somewhat harshly criticised because of a published interview with him, in which he argues against government ownership of railroads and said the demand that the government should foreclose on the Pacific railroads, when they default in the payment of their bonds held by the government to secure money loaned them, did not come from the best informed people of the Pacific coast. His critics contend that owing to his official position it was bad taste for him to publicly express such opinions. It is worthy of note that every Railroad Commissioner

since the office was established has been extremely friendly to the Pacific roads. The office is in fact a little wonder is that Congress has not been asked to abolish it long ago.

It is easy for the visitor to the Congressional headquarters of the democratic and republican parties to see that the campaign has reached the anxious stage for both the old parties. Both are loud in their claims, so loud, in fact, that they thereby show their anxiety and uncertainty as to what the result is to be. Documents, nineteenth of which will probably never be read by anybody, are being sent out by the ton by both committees.

THE BUSINESS REVIVAL.

THE FOLLY OR PARTISAN ORGANS DISPUTING IMPROVED BUSINESS CONDITIONS. From the Public Ledger, October 4.

The improvement of business conditions can be no longer successfully disputed; it is so general and so manifest as to render ridiculous those unscrupulous parties and organs which, closing their eyes to the truth, continue to ignore it as if it had no real existence. The leading financial and trade journals of the country those the special mission of which it is to present for the information of their readers the most accurate statements with regard to the state of finance, manufactures and commerce, give the most gratifying reports of reviving activity. The principal daily newspapers of the great cities and the centres of trade, among others the New York Tribune, which has been persistently employed lately in efforts to roll back the advancing tide of mercantile vigor by representations of continued depression, have recently devoted entire pages to the reports of the representatives of the chief business interests of the country, which clearly show that the improvement during the last month has been certain and material.

Dispatches and correspondence from all parts of the country tell of the revival of industrial enterprises; of works which have been shut down resuming operations; of others, which have been operated on reduced time or with a lesser number of operatives, running up full time and with an increased force of employees, and of capital providing new plants, and those industries which were as props and pillars of mercantile success. The great transportation companies, which probably suffered as much as, or more than, any of the representatives of important business interests during the late prolonged period of depression, are early showing the assured increase of the volume of business. The statements of the banks in all the large financial centres are equally satisfactory as indisputable testimony to the return of prosperity. Men of business have already measurably adapted themselves to the changed conditions, and they will continue to do so, having the assurance that for at least three years, under no possible circumstance, can the new tariff be materially changed for the worse. Indeed, many of the shrewdest of the business community confidently believe that for many years there will be no radical tariff changes. Those which have been made were scarcely more injurious to the trade of the country than the long delay in making them and the prolonged uncertainty as to what more detrimental ones might possibly be made. When the Republican party shall be again returned to power it will wisely and justly correct the errors of the Wilson act, but it will not be at all likely to entirely overturn it, as months would be required to do that, and the doing of it would disturb and distress business by upsetting all established conditions. Tariff revision hereafter, it is believed, will be made with due regard to the interests of trade, and not in absolute disregard of them, as was the case during the long and disturbing contention over the Wilson bill.

The community of business now has that assurance of stable conditions which will enable it to put forth its strength of enterprise. It is already putting it forth and its confuting day, by its activity, the false cries and alarms of the partisan prophets of evil.

A Business View of Sugar.

From Revue, Parvin & Co's Price List.

American granulated sugar 4 1/2 cents. The reduction of 1 cent from highest August notch is accounted for by the fact that both wholesale and retail dealers bought on the rising market to such a large extent as to leave refiners without an outlet for later current production. Besides this, the extraordinary demand forced prices up to a point that enabled foreign refined to come in as a serious competitor. It is to make importation unprofitable that refiners have dropped another fraction this week. It may now be seen, as we have all along said, that the refiners did not want the Wilson tariff with its 40 per cent. duty on raws and only 3 cent protection on refined, but they did revel in the glorious McKinley sugar schedule, with its free raws and 3 cent duty on refined. It is strange that certain partisan newspapers for partisan gain continue to belie facts by contending that the so-called Sugar Trust fought and bled and bribed for the passage of the Wilson bill, when it compels the employment of 40 per cent. more capital and accords them just one-fourth the amount of protection on their finished product that they enjoyed under the McKinley law.

What It Has Cost.

From the New York Tribune. The Atlanta Constitution computes that the criminal exactions of the police of New York, levied during the last thirty years on crime and on legitimate business when it could be reached, exceed \$100,000,000. It is not likely that this is an exaggerated estimate, and it may be far within the actual amount of the plunder. There is no chapter of municipal government on record in the world. It not merely invites correction and substitution of an entirely new municipal order, but it is imperative that the gang, or rather the army, of the bandits should be made to feel a more branding penalty than that of mere disbanding.

First Snow-Storm in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., October 7.—Reports from various parts of Eastern and South Dakota and the western part of Minnesota are to the effect that a severe snow-storm prevailed to-day, accompanied by high winds and heavy rains. The snow fall at Huron, South Dakota, it is said, was heavy and lasted for three hours, while west

and north of that city, the storm was even more severe. This is the first snow-storm of the season, and it seems likely to report for duty in this city before morning.

TORTURED BY ROBBERS.

A RED HOT POKER HELD TO THE FEET OF A FARMER AND HIS WIFE.

SHARON, Pa., October 9.—Two masked robbers entered the house of Henry Kaufman, a farmer living near Fredonia, this county, last night and at the point of a revolver demanded his money. He told them where four dollars was kept and they thinking there was more bound Kaufman and his wife to the bed and tortured them by burning their feet with a red hot poker. After failing in their efforts they left. A posse of farmers are scouring the vicinity in search of the thieves.

At the Insane Hospital.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Norristown Hospital for the Insane was held Friday. All the former officers were re-elected. They are ex-Judge C. H. Stinson, of Norristown, president; J. M. Hackett, of Northampton county, secretary, and Thomas Bradley, of Philadelphia, treasurer. The executive staff of the institution consisting of Dr. R. Richardson, resident physician of the male department; Dr. Alice Bennett, resident physician of the female department, and Steward John L. West, was also continued. The number of patients at present is 971 males and 915 females. The steward was directed to purchase cattle to replace those destroyed by reason of being infected with tuberculosis. This time ordinary milk cows are to be procured. During the past month the death rate among inmates was very light, there being but twelve deaths, eight males and four females. The number of employees at the institution is 105 females and 107 males. In her annual report Dr. Alice Bennett notes the fact that the sixth year has passed in the female department, without a case of suicide.

Sentences Pronounced.

The following sentences were meted out by the Court at Norristown Saturday morning. John Cushion, escape. Three months in jail. Isaac Andrews, illegal liquor selling. Fine \$500 and 3 months in jail. Harry E. Rightmeyer, forgery. Nine months in jail. John Walters, illegal liquor selling. Fine \$500 and 3 months in jail. Com. vs. Henry K. Rhoads, Charles Soteman and Elmer Shadler. Not guilty of forcible entry; county to pay the costs. Com. vs. Henry K. Rhoads. Not guilty of assault and battery; the county to pay the costs. Wm. Browlberg, a. and b. Six months in jail. Washington D. Love. Adultery. Three months in jail. Otto Christian. Larceny. One year in penitentiary. Henry Jenkins and John Murphy. Receiving stolen goods. One year in Eastern penitentiary. Edward McCarty and Richard Powers, a. and b. One year in jail. Sentences of Timothy McFadden and Harry Burton deferred until next Saturday.

Just Like George.

From the Detroit Free Press. The tramp knocked softly at the kitchen door and the nicest, sweetest old lady in the world met him. He chuckled quietly, for he thought he had struck a snap that was going to be a regular bonanza find.

"Begin' your pardon, lady, but can I get a bite to eat here?" he asked, humbly. "Are you very hungry?" she responded like a mother. "Yes, lady." "You are out of work, I suppose?" "Yes, lady; I have not done a lick of work since the first day of June." Something in this statement made him chuckle again, but she did not hear him as she stepped to the cupboard to get a piece of pie. She came back and stood with it in her hand like a Lady Bountiful, and his mouth began to water. "And how long before that?" she asked, with something in her tone that crushed him. "Lady," he gasped, "I cannot tell a lie. Good-morning," and he walked out of the yard, and she set the pie back for the next one.

LONG STRING of diseases and deformities have their origin in torpor of the liver. Deranged appetite, constipation, headache, sour stomach, gassy belchings, indigestion, or dyspepsia, are due to sluggish liver. Mrs. J. A. DeBerry, U. S. Inspector of Customs at Buffalo, N. Y., writes as follows: "I suffered from a sluggish liver. Doctors' prescriptions and patent medicines failed to give me relief. I tried Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, taking three at night and two after dinner every day for two weeks and then one 'Pellet' every day for two months. I have in six months increased in solid flesh twenty-six pounds. I am in better health than I have been since childhood. My bowels are regular and I feel lighter after meals have completely disappeared. Respectfully yours, J. A. DeBerry, U. S. Inspector of Customs."

FIRE! FIRE! NOTICE. The members of the Union Mutual Fire and Storm Insurance Company are hereby notified that a contribution was levied on July 19, 1894, on each policy, equal to premium thereon, and that Andrew Supplee, Treasurer of said company, will attend at the office of the Company, No. 213, 215 Main Street, opposite the Court House, in the Borough of Norristown, to receive said assessment. The 40 days time for payment of said tax will date from August 8, 1894. Persons sending money by mail must accompany it with postage for return of a receipt. ANDREW SUPPLEE, Treasurer.

FIRE! FIRE! NOTICE. The members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, are hereby notified that a contribution was levied on August 17th, 1894, of One Dollar on each One Thousand Dollars of Ordinary Risks, and the rates fixed on Hazardous Risks, for which each member of said Company is insured, and that M. McGlatheary, Treasurer of said Company, will attend at his office, No. 306 Swede street, in the Borough of Norristown, to receive said assessments from date. Extract of Charter, Section 6th.—"Any member failing to pay his/her assessment or Tax within 40 days after the above publication shall forfeit and pay for such neglect double such rates." The 40 days' time for payment of such taxes will date from August 27, 1894. Persons sending money by mail must accompany it with postage in order to receive a receipt therefor. M. MCGLATHEARY, Treasurer. August 31, 1894.

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Oak sideboard, \$65.00, \$75.00, \$90.00 to \$55.00 each.

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Brussels, moquette, Ingrains, (all grades), at greatly reduced prices.

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Potatoes 50c. and 75c. per bushel.

Vanilla coffee cakes, 4 lbs. for 25c.

1 1/2 lbs. good baking powder, for 30c.

34c. finely plated tea spoons, for 50c.

Pure cocoa hand scrubs, 5c. each.

Stove brushes, good, 10c. each.

Dusting brushes, 30c. to 50c. each.

D-combed chamber sets, \$3.75 to \$16 each.

Good brooms, 20c. each.

Spool cotton, 4c. a spool.

Lancaster gingham, 5c. a yard.

Dress gingham, good, 7c. a yard.

Fine bleached muslin, 1 yard wide, 10c.

Finest table linen, 25c. per yard.

Ladies' full seamless, flat black hose, 13c.

Bleached muslin 1 yard wide, 6 1/2c., was sold at 8c.

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Thursday, Oct. 11, 1894.

HOME AND ABROAD.

—It is sometimes easier to jump at a conclusion with both feet.

—Then it is to revise an opinion!

—Did you ever observe this fact?

—And yet, some opinions are easily revised.

—The swallows have departed,

—The trolley cars are coming,

—And autumn days are here!

—A correspondent observeth that "it is not always safe to tuck a bean away under a lounge when your nephew drops in. Some nephews have inquiring minds."

—Detwiler & Bean will sell at public sale a lot of fine fresh cows from Ohio at Smoyer's hotel, Trappe, next Monday afternoon. See adver.

—Mr. Enos Detwiler, of near Ironbridge, will build a new ice house and refrigerator combined in the near future.

—With war in Asia no man can foresee what will be the result of the Czar's death. In the Eastern hemisphere a dying sovereign may fire a powder mine.—*New York Tribune.*

—Our townsman, L. B. Wismer, the slater, has a contract to slate the roof of a large building in Philadelphia.

—The attention of our readers is directed to the new advertisement of Beaver & Shellenberger, the wide-awake store merchants of Trappe. They have marked all goods down to low figures.

—Paris green thoughtlessly thrown into a field on the Car farm near Fort Washington caused the death, last week, of three valuable horses belonging to Charles A. Aiman.

—At a stipend of \$1 a month Chinese soldiers can hardly be expected to undergo the hardships of actual war with much enthusiasm. They should have at least \$1.50.—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Twenty years ago Southern planters paid men to haul away cotton seed and burn it. Now they get from \$6 to \$8 a ton for it.

—Read the advertisement of the Reading Shoe Store, Phoenixville, in this issue.

—If you have anything to sell and want to sell it, advertise in the INDEPENDENT.

—In Siam wives are sold after they are divorced. In this country they never ask divorces until after they find themselves badly sold.—*Glaveston News.*

—The Spring Garden Market Company, Philadelphia, has declared a dividend of 2½ per cent, payable on and after October 12.

—Jacob R. Hunsicker, a former member of the Norristown bar, has been adjudged insane, and is now in the Asylum.

—Messrs. Henry T. and Melvin T. Hunsicker left Ironbridge for Pittsburgh last Thursday evening to attend a Masonic Convention.

—The only thing we can recommend to women for the management of a husband is to feed him and trust to luck.—*Albion Globe.*

—The Japanese papers speak of the oldest living couple as now being residents of Sawada, in the province of Sado. The man is 132 years old and he is three years younger than his wife. Their eldest daughter is 108 years old and their eldest son 105.

Trolley News.

At the meeting of the Roversford Town Council Thursday night a communication from Mr. Shepp, of the Citizens' Railway Company, of Norristown, was read, asking Council to repeal the section in the railway ordinance asking for a bond of \$2000, and further stated that if the same was eliminated the company would accept the ordinance, have a surveyor at work in ten days and complete the line as soon as possible. Council complied with his request and also omitted the same section from the ordinance of the Pottstown company.

RELIGIOUS.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10:45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7:30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 7:15 p. m. Rev. Rector.

Divine service at the church (Episcopal) at Wetherill's corner, near Shannonsville, during the summer at 10:30 in the morning; in the afternoon at 3:30 at St. Paul's Memorial near Oaks. All welcome. Benjamin F. Douglass, Rector.

Trinity church: Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, prayer service. Sunday school, at 9 o'clock and preaching at 10 o'clock, in the morning; the C. E. prayer meeting, Mr. H. L. Saylor, reader, topic, How Christ helps our daily needs, at 6:30 o'clock, and preaching, at 7:30 o'clock, in the evening.

Preaching at St. Luke's, Trappe, Sunday at 10 a. m., Subject: Prayer; and 7:30 p. m., Subject: David and Jonathan. C. E. prayer meeting at 6:30; topic: How Christ helps our daily needs; Leader, Miss Lizzie Johnson. Mid-week service every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Come and bring your friends.

Divine services at Augustus Lutheran church next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 8:45 a. m. The regular meeting of the Pastor's Aid Society will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This is also the annual meeting for the election of officers and appointment of committees. A full attendance is urged.

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Lyceum Meeting.

The Lyceum connected with Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, will meet this (Thursday) evening. Members will convene at 7:30. Program at 8 o'clock. All invited.

Open Air Meeting.

An open-air meeting will be held at Grater's Ford on Tuesday evening, October 16. Music will be furnished by the Roversford Quartette, and prominent speakers are expected to be present. All invited to attend.

Pear Blossoms in October.

Several pear trees are in blossom at present on the premises of A. G. Markley and Dr. E. A. Krusen, this place. One of the trees at Mr. Markley's place contains also a number of pears. The sight of ripening fruit and of blossoms on the same tree is rather unusual.

Caught a Big Carp.

Harry Poley, who lives on the other side of the Perkiomen, caught a carp in Paist's dam last Thursday, weighing 164 pounds. Harry was quite fortunate, for many fruitless attempts have been made by sundry fishermen to haul out a few of the numerous carp known to be in the dam mentioned.

Harvest Home Services.

Mr. Calvin P. Wehr, of the Senior Class of Ursinus College, preached a harvest home sermon to a large audience at the Almshouse, Sunday afternoon. It was one of the largest Sunday afternoon meetings ever held in the chapel, and Mr. Wehr's efforts were very much appreciated.

Surprise Party.

A surprise party was tendered Lavinia and David Rice, at their home near Trappe, on Thursday last, being their birthday. About eighty people were in attendance. After an evening of pleasant social games and other amusements all returned to their respective homes at a late hour.

Christian Endeavor Officers.

At a recent meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, of Ironbridge, the following officers were chosen: Pres., O. S. Gottshalk; Vice Pres., Wm. Unger; Recording Sec., Miss Mame Tyson; Cor. Sec., Miss Lizzie Hunsicker; Treas., Lizzie Loux. The society will give a sociable in the near future.

Would Not Testify in Court.

The little daughter of Charles Genari, of this township, refused to testify at court last week, in the presence of George P. Garrett, who committed assaults upon her some time ago. The child seemed to be overcome with fear, and could not be persuaded to repeat the charges contained on Squire Zimmerman's docket. The court discharged the prisoner. It seems to us the case should have continued.

Matrimony.

On Thursday, October 4, by the Rev. E. Clark Hibbsman, of Trappe, Mr. Daniel B. Fretz, of Chalfont, and Miss Emma Monteith, of Prospectville, both of Bucks county, were united in wedlock.

October 6th, at Collegeville, by Rev. J. H. Hendricks, Mr. Sylvanus F. Kratz, of Lucens, and Miss Lizzie A. Nyce, of Cedars, both of Montgomery county.

Wedding Announcements.

The wedding of Miss Mary L. Hunsicker, of Ironbridge, and Mr. Horace D. Tyson, of Roversford, is announced.

Ella N., daughter of Rev. S. M. K. Huber, of Skippack, and Rev. James R. Bergey, son of Poor Director Jacob R. Bergey, stationed at West Milton, Union county, will be married on Wednesday, October 17, in Wentz's Reformed Church, Worcester.

Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies' Aid society of Trinity church, had their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. A. K. Harley, Lower Providence, on Monday evening. The meeting was largely attended by members and friends of the society and was in every way a pleasant one. After the business meeting, the following program was rendered: Piano solo, Carrie Paist; Reading, Miss Weinberger; Recitation, Miss Annie Hunsicker; Piano Duet, Misses Hendricks and Wiest; Recitation, Mrs. Frank Poley; Piano Duet, Mrs. Fenton and Miss Weinberger; Reading, Mr. Ralph Johnson; Piano solo, Miss Wiest; Violin solo, Mr. Howard Johnson.

Wedded in Church.

A pretty wedding was witnessed by the congregation of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, on Sunday morning, after the regular church service, when Mr. Raymond Grater, of Collegeville, and Miss Margaret MacGregor, also of this place, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock, by the pastor, Rev. E. T. Kretschman. After the morning service was over the pastor announced the wedding, cordially inviting the congregation to remain for the ceremony, and at twelve o'clock, as the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march poured forth from the organ, Mr. Grater came in with his cousin, Mayne Longstreth, Esq., of Philadelphia, followed by Miss MacGregor, attended by her friend, Miss Hallie Vandervelde of this place. The bride was becomingly attired in a pretty traveling suit. After the ceremony the bride and groom left, in the cab that was awaiting them, for Norristown from whence they started on their tour.

Diphtheria at Valley Forge.

A CONSTABLE COMPELS THE HOLDING OF A PRIVATE FUNERAL.

The early part of last week the public school at Valley Forge was closed by reason of the prevalence of diphtheria at that place, no less than fifteen cases being developed. Of these victims three have died, one being a child of James Curry. The family contended that diphtheria had had nothing to do with the death and insisted on having a public funeral Friday. People of the neighborhood objected and notified the authorities, as a result of which Constable George S. Phillips was sent to the house of mourning to prevent anything beyond a private funeral. He met with no resistance. The school building closed will probably not be opened for a month at least. In the meantime the building will be thoroughly fumigated and the books used by the infected pupils will be burned.

A Big Beet.

A mammoth beet of the mangel wurzel variety, weighing 16 pounds, was received Tuesday at this office from M. P. Anderson's fertile farm, near the Almshouse.

Horses Burned to Death.

The barn of A. Fretz Weisel, a well-known horse dealer of Bucks county, who lives at the Cross Keys, near Doylestown, was entirely destroyed by fire Monday morning. Twelve horses were burned to death.

Postponed.

Dr. Hamer's address before the Suffrage Association of Montgomery county is postponed to the meeting November 19, since many of the members of the association will be attending the State W. C. T. U. Convention in Philadelphia next Saturday.

A Child Smothered.

James, an 18-month old son of George Markon, of Falls of Schuylkill, fell into a cesspool while the mother was preparing dinner last Saturday and was smothered before it could be rescued. The child was playing in the yard and found its way into the water. He was missed by the mother, but too late to be rescued.

Opening Service.

A contributor writes: Last Sabbath evening the Sunday evening services of St. Luke's church, Trappe, were opened by Pastor Hibbsman preaching on David and Goliath or the Battle of Life. The service was well attended and was one of deep feeling. The subject for next Sunday evening will be David and Jonathan.

Peddlers in a Canal.

Two Russian Jew peddlers were driving along the Schuylkill canal, this township, Thursday, when one wheel of their old wagon went over the edge of the tow-path, dragging horse, wagon, peddlers and all into the canal. The Jews called frantically for help, and some men who happened to be near by assisted them out of their predicament.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$15.50 @ \$16.50; flour, \$2.40 @ \$2.50; rye flour, \$2.75; wheat, 54½ to 57½; corn, 58c; oat, 36½; butter, 27 to 31c; live fowls, 10 @ 10½; dressed fowls, 10½ @ 11c; Timothy hay, 75c @ 85c; mixed, 70c @ 75c; straw, 60 @ 70c; beef cattle, 3½ to 5½; sheep, 2½ to 3½; lambs, 3½ to 4½; hogs, western, 8 to 8½.

Will Change Quarters.

The Rev. A. B. Markley son of A. G. Markley, this place, who five years ago moved to South Bethlehem from Jonestown, to accept the first pastorate of the newly organized St. Mark's Lutheran Congregation of that place, has resigned to accept a call extended by Trinity English Lutheran Church, of Jamestown, New York, and will go to his new field of labor about November 1.

Steam Power Printing.

The boiler and engine placed in the addition just built to the INDEPENDENT office, did service for the first time in furnishing power for the printing of the inside pages of last week's issue. The little engine worked very smoothly, which is only additional evidence that neighbor M. O. Roberts understands his business and does first-class work in the construction and manipulation of machinery, boilers, heating appliances, and so on.

A Fraternal Visit.

Monday evening Dr. M. Y. Weber and E. M. Cleaver, representing Bevelton Council No. 25 Jr. O. U. A. M., of Evansburg, visited Pennsburg Council No. 961. The visitors were hospitably entertained and of course they report a pleasant trip. Pennsburg Council is one of the most flourishing secret organizations of its kind in the county, with a membership of 120. Nine new members were initiated Monday evening.

To be Put in Operation Again.

The French Creek Railroad, from Phoenixville to French Creek Falls, Chester county, is to be put in operation again. The road has not been used for about ten months. The reopening of the line will be an important event for that part of Chester county, especially to the extensive granite quarries at Falls of French Creek, which will now have more direct railroad facilities for reaching Philadelphia and Eastern markets.

A Successful Excursion.

The excursion to Mauch Chunk and Glen Onoko last Saturday, under the management of the conductors of the Perkiomen railroad, was a success viewed from every standpoint. Fully 120 persons joined the excursionists at this place and all seemed to have been thoroughly delighted with the trip. The ride around the Switchback was very exhilarating and the grandeur of the natural attractions of the Glen, inspiring. In all about 350 persons made up the excursion party.

Mingo Express Horse Company.

A quarterly meeting of the Mingo Express Horse Company was held at the Ironbridge hotel last Saturday afternoon. The roll called showed 135 absentees and just that many quarter dollars will in the future flow into the treasury as a consequence. One of the by-laws of the Company stipulates that every member absent at a regular meeting shall be fined twenty-five cents. Only routine business was transacted at the meeting, including the appointment of Committees for the ensuing three months.

Death of a Former Resident of Montgomery County.

Dr. H. D. Longaker died October 3, at Kent Washington State, in his 66th year. Interment at Seattle. He leaves to survive him his son Francis A., and his daughter Mary A., both in their minority. Dr. Longaker was a native of this county. He was a son of the late ex-Judge Henry Longaker, who at one time owned the hotel at Perkiomen Bridge and was a prominent citizen of this community. Dr. Longaker studied medicine under the late Dr. Pawling, of King of Prussia, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1853. He practiced medicine four years at York, a number of years on the Pacific Coast and ten years at Allentown. His wife was a doctor and assisted him in his professional duties. She died in 1887.

Smothered in a Folding Bed.

An infant child of Charles Baker, of Wyndmoor, this county, was crushed to death in a sudden and unexpected manner about 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning. The little one had been left asleep in a spring folding bed, and was not supposed to be in any danger. When members of Mr. Baker's household went to the room, later on, they were horrified to see that the bed had turned on its spring in an unaccountable way, smothering the child in its embrace. The mattress was jerked back and the baby's lifeless body was disclosed. Its neck was broken.

Injured in a Breakdown.

Early last Saturday morning A. H. Cassel and two ladies of Towamencin were on their way to Collegeville to join the excursion to Mauch Chunk, when, within a mile or two of this place, the perch pole of their carriage broke, resulting in painful injuries to all in the vehicle; the ladies, particularly, were severely cut about their faces and heads. Mr. Cassel succeeded in controlling his horses, obtained an early carriage, came to Collegeville, where the wounds of the injured were dressed at Calver's drug store, and the three accompanied the excursion.

Of Interest to Insurance Companies and Owners of Horses.

William F. Dannehower, Esq., has filed the opinion of the Supreme Court in the case of John H. Beck vs. Harbor Mutual Life Stock and Protective Insurance Company, of Montgomery county, in which the Lower Court was reversed. The opinion is an important one to local insurance companies who have a prescribed limit in which an insurance is paid in case of an animal's death. The Supreme Court gives no limit, as in Beck's case, whose horse died outside of the twelve mile limit allowed by the company, owing to Beck's removal to Philadelphia.

THE TURF.

The last meeting of the season of the Phoenixville Driving Park Association will be held on Saturday, October 27, when numerous trotters and pacers will exhibit their speed.

R. P. Baldwin's Lady Antenor recently went a mile at Belmont in 2:36½, the first quarter was made in 37 seconds. Mr. Baldwin says the Lady is ready to beat all competitors at Belmont, if two weeks' notice is given.

Neighbor Scheuren, the tonsorial artist, recently purchased of Rosenberry & Son, of Skippack, an exceedingly promising two-year-old bay gelding. Mr. Scheuren's new horse shows a rapid gait and will make a trotter.

Medal Awarded.

On Saturday evening, Oct. 6, a prohibition oratorical contest was held in the chapel of the Centennial Presbyterian church of Jeffersonville. The prize offered was the Demorest silver medal. The contestants were: Miss Bertha Pennick of Jeffersonville, Miss Charles Davis, of Norristown, Miss Mary E. Weber, of Ironbridge, Mr. Wm. Martin, Miss Emma Weber and Mr. Thomas White of Jeffersonville. The judges were: Prof. A. D. Eisenhower and Mr. George Morgan, of Norristown and Mr. Niece of Roversford. After the judges had rendered a decision, Rev. S. M. Keeler, in an appropriate speech presented the medal to Miss Mary Weber. The medal is very neat in design and bears the inscription: "Demorest Prohibition Prize."

PERSONAL.

Mr. Franklin Rambo, of Philadelphia, was in town Saturday, on his way to visit his mother at Trappe.

Isaac Mester and J. W. Clark, both of Lower Providence, are seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Stanley Grater is spending a few days visiting his many friends about town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Miller, of Haverhill, West Virginia, came north last week and stopped over Sunday with Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gross, at the Collegeville Hotel. Mr. Miller is Secretary of the Hamorton Lumber Company which is doing an extensive business in West Virginia and Philadelphia.

A SUPREME COURT DECISION.

THOUSANDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION COMPELLED TO SEE THEIR CHURCH PROPERTY WRESTED FROM THEM.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania rendered a decision last week whereby a church war in the Evangelical Association of North America has been virtually brought to an end. The decision is a victory for the Eschew-Bowman faction and involves church property estimated at \$1,000,000 and over one hundred preachers. Under the ruling of the Court the Bowmanites claim and intend to take possession of all the church property, but in many instances it will be merely the holding of brick and stone walls, the majority of the members interested, particularly in Eastern Pennsylvania, being identified with the Dubs wing of the Association. We are not in a position to give a resume of the difficulties involved in the case nor the merits or demerits of the parties to the issue finally settled by the court, but we can't escape the conclusion that there must be considerable injustice somewhere. Take the Evangelical church at Trappe, for instance. Years ago the ground upon which the edifice stands was donated by Jacob Garber and John Poley and the main cost of the structure was defrayed by the members who are now divested of their property without any equivalent whatsoever. All but three, possibly four, members of the congregation, Mr. Poley included, contended against the position assumed by Bishops Escher and Bowman; but it appears the property was unwisely deeded to the Association; Escher and Bowman control the Association, and the members of the Evangelical church at Trappe, by a decision of the Supreme Court, lose their church home. The churches at Schuylkill and Limerick stand in about the same position. A very large majority of the members are entirely at variance with the Escher and Bowman combine, and they too lose their church property. In the three instances cited the members have their pastor, Rev. Mr. Brownmiller, with them, and it is proposed to build as speedily as possible new buildings in which to worship. Evangelical church services at Trappe will be held next

Sunday evening at 7:45 in Washington Hall; Sunday School at the same place at 2 o'clock; Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 o'clock. It is interesting to note in this connection that only 5,000 or 6,000 out of 43,000 members in Pennsylvania are said to belong to the faction which has been awarded control of the church property. By the end of the week it is probable that all the Evangelical churches in Lehigh county will be in possession of the churches in Allentown barred out by the decision of the Supreme Court began operations Monday morning on a new church. The second has secured a lot and the third at a congregational meeting Monday decided to reorganize and build a new church. The Emma Evangelicals surrendered the \$7,000 church property to the two Bowmanite families in the congregation.

A \$50,000 REAL ESTATE DEAL IN NORRISTOWN.

THE HARTRANFT HOUSE SOLD. The Hartranft House hotel property, Norristown, was sold Monday by Real Estate Agent Henry C. Wentz for Theodore Hallman, the owner and proprietor, to Alfred Mullin, of Duffryn Mawr, Chester county, for \$50,000. The hotel contains forty-three rooms, is fitted up with steam heat, and recently Mr. Hallman refurbished it throughout after making many extensive alterations and improvements. There is standing for eighty horses. Mr. Hallman, on the 1st of April next, will give possession of the new Hartranft House very satisfactorily to three years. He has no definite plans for the future, except that he expects to remove to his farm in Lower Providence.

FROM LIMERICK.

Harrison Bean spent last week in Reading, attending the fair.

Mr. I. R. Weikel and family, of Oaks, spent Sunday in this locality.

Miss Kate Thomas visited friends and relatives in Spring City last week.

Prof. R. F. Hoffacker visited several schools in Limerick on Thursday.

Mrs. Joseph Kendall, of Linfield, was buried on Saturday last. Deceased was a victim of consumption. Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the Union Meeting House, Parkerford. A husband and five children survive.

A course of lectures will be given in Memorial Hall, Spring City, the coming winter. The first lecture will be given October 25, by De Motte—"The Harp of the Senses."

Mr. B. Frank Garber has adopted a new method of cutting his corn. The corn is husked standing and cut afterwards. Whether this is gotten from Mr. Garber's inventive mind or taken from that "Experimental Farm" in the Farm Journal, we know not.

Rev. Jesse Ziegler, and quite a number of the Brethren of Roversford, attended the Love Feast at Green Tree on Saturday evening last.

FROM OAKS.

BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE. About 6:40 p. m. Sunday last fire was seen in the direction of the McAvoy Brick Plant in Chester county. The opposite bank of the Schuylkill river is fringed with large trees, and near the brick works is high ground known as Green Hill with its growth of trees; consequently the view from Oaks and Perkiomen was partially hidden. Many said it was the McAvoy Brick Works. It proved to be the large stone barn on the farm once owned and occupied by Felix J. Highty, but now owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and occupied by Jos. Showalter. The family were away from home at the time. Fourteen cows, two calves and two horses perished; one horse managed to get out, but was so badly burned it had to be killed. The family or the other three horses with them, or they might have perished. All the crops and farming implements were destroyed. The morning after the cows in their agony were pitted in the extreme. It is supposed the barn was set on fire. The building was insured. An eccentric colored man has been around the country here for quite a time, and he has been warned to keep away from the brick yard or a charge of shot would be his portion. A darkey came to Showalter's some time ago and asked one of the men to give him some breakfast. He said the family was away and he could not cook him anything. Mr. Showalter happened to be smoking a cigar when the darkey said: "Well, give me a cigar then, can't you?" Whether this is the same darkey who asked permission early in the evening to sleep in the barn we know not.

The sound of the whistle at the Enamel Brick Works was a welcome one on Monday morning. Many of the old hands have returned with many extra trains on the Perkiomen railroad and the works going on there appears to be a general boom in business all along the line.

Elder T. Meyers, of Philadelphia, officiated at Love Feast Saturday.

Hon. I. P. Wanger addressed the Republican Club at Port Providence Saturday evening. The attendance was fair, though it would have been much larger if the people had been properly informed. Make it a point the next time "you that run things" to let it be known, and Mr. Wanger will have a large audience. Mr. Wanger made a splendid speech, free from the many political aspersions usually heard in the campaigns, and rendered a good account of his stewardship.

In the yard of the store property of Mr. I. R. Weikel is an apple tree in blossom. The tree has not been known to bear more than one crop. Perhaps it is a sign of a cold winter; say so anyway; goose bones will not be so plentiful until after Thanksgiving.

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W. C. T. U.

The twentieth annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania will be held in the Temple Grace Baptist church, Broad and Berks streets, Philadelphia, October 12-16 inclusive. Miss Frances E. Willard will preach the Convention sermon on Sunday evening. Other noted workers will fill pulpits on Sunday in the various churches. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Mary H. Hunt will address the Convention on the subject "Reforms and Resolutions—Their Causes." Rev. Anna Shaw, Rev. Henrietta H. Moore of Ohio, Anna Gordon, Elizabeth Greenwood and also others of national reputation will take part in the exercises. All are invited to attend the sessions of the Convention.

DEATHS.

Harry U. Keeley died of consumption at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Keeley, near Black Rock, this township, last Saturday, aged 26 years. A widow and one child survive. Mr. Keeley had been ill for about two years previous to his death, and despite careful medical attention and the earnest hopes of near and dear ones, recovery was not possible. The funeral will be held today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. Interment at Lutheran cemetery, Trappe.

Earl, aged two years and six months son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Edward Plank, of near this place, died on Monday of brain fever. About three weeks ago the little boy fell from a wagon and sustained injuries about the head which were not presumed to be serious at the time. It is thought the jar

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Farmers are looking for the dollars as anxiously as any other class, and it is folly to let such opportunities pass unimproved. Many have already given the subject attention; they have discarded the old way. The poultry-house is kept scrupulously clean. Fresh water is provided, and most of all, a balanced feed is given, consisting of corn and wheat and clover, with a liberal supply of freshly cut green bone (that greatest of all egg-producers), which supplies the craving for animal food existing always among fowls and too often overlooked; and last, but not least, plenty of clean, sharp grit. The markets are studied carefully, and those breeds selected for which there is the greatest demand. In a word, they are as careful in the selection and care of their fowls as of their dairy stock, and they find it pays in good, hard, honest dollars. There is always a demand for fresh eggs and fine poultry, and to meet the demand, millions of dollars' worth are imported annually, which could just as well be raised here and the money kept at home.

ITEMS WORTH READING.

Though the price of dairy products is low, it is paid 12 times a year, enabling the farmer to have cash for his purchase throughout the year, thereby getting the benefit of cash prices. This is one great factor in favor of dairying.

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A GREAT INDUSTRY.

It is a remarkable fact that one of the greatest industries of this country is at the same time the most neglected in many cases. We refer to poultry and eggs.

No farm is considered complete without a flock of hens, and yet the majority of farmers give little or no attention to them. They are left to shift for themselves, often improperly housed, and with such care only as an already overburdened housewife can find time to bestow.

Hours of time and careful attention to proper food are daily bestowed upon cattle. Plenty of fresh water to drink and stalls properly cleaned are absolute necessities, while the milk pans and cans shine like polished silver, without one speck of dirt. All of this takes time, and it is time well spent; without it, financial loss would certainly follow.

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The greatest aid to success in farming is cheaper production. This means that the crops should be increased by the use of fertilizers in order to decrease the cost of the labor. The larger the crop the lower the expense and the greater the profit.

One bushel of potatoes is much like another bushel, and so it is with most of the products we sell; but there is a vast difference between a pound of sweet, fresh butter and the mass we run across in the market. No danger of confounding one with the other. The field is wide for one who wishes to make a reputation.

It would be a source of much satisfaction, and not cost much extra labor, to keep an account with each field, with each herd, with the orchard, the poultry, the stable and so on. Money received or expended can be as easily set down one place as another. There would then be fewer unprofitable crops, and less stock on which money was being wasted.

One can become a famous chicken man, or hog man, or cattle man, or horse man, as he chooses, but he must remember that each road to fortune requires special knowledge. Our fathers made money in a haphazard way, we hardly know how, but in these days of competitive effort this cannot be done.

How many farmers know how, when and where to ship in order to dispose of their products? The merchant is careful to learn where to buy and sell, and keeps himself posted on prices. He also knows from whom to procure goods at the lowest cost and where to find the best markets. The farmer should be a business man when it comes to selling and buying. To succeed he should read and learn, and be prepared before the crops mature.

THE AMERICAN POPLAR.

The native poplar or American tulip tree grows to fine size and shape in these parts, and is one of the noblest of ornamental shade trees. It has been famous wherever it is native for the height and straightness of its silvery trunk and the rich green of its

foliage. One of the most noble tulip trees, and one of the largest trees ever measured in the East, was the great poplar of Dinwiddle Court House. It measured forty-three feet eight inches in circumference three feet from the pones, and rose perpendicularly without knot or blemish ninety feet to its first limb. It is said that the diameter of the tree increased ten feet in thirty years.—N. Y. Sun.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Among the varieties of pears the Lawrence holds a high place. It is not so subject to blight as some varieties, and is late, giving a crop after the bulk of the pears have been marketed.

Sow pansy seeds now and when they are up and cold weather begins cover them over. They will come out with early flowers in the spring.

After a pear tree is badly blighted it is useless to attempt to save it, and the sooner the ax is used the less liability of danger to other trees.

The recent rains have started grass on lawns. When the lawn mower is used rake up the short grass and put it away for the use of laying hens, as they will accept it readily.

Be careful when setting out new strawberry beds in the fall to have every fourth row of the staminate variety, or there will be no fruit at the proper time. Some are staminate and pistillate, while others are pistillate only. The former will produce crops, but the latter must have staminate varieties growing near them.

If you have large fruit trees you wish transplanted, dig around them toward the close of summer, cutting off the larger roots at from three to five feet from the body, according to the size of the trees. Twelve months later they will have made so many small roots to replace the larger ones that transplanting can be attempted safely.

As with all other work, it will pay you to do a little thinking and planning over your door yard. Carefully map it out and carefully plant. A well-seeded lawn with shrubs, roses, evergreen and shade trees can be procured at a comparatively small cost, and will not require a great amount of work to keep in good shape.

In Albemarle county, Virginia, where apples are a special crop, one grower thinned off nearly three-quarters of the fruit from his trees last year. He got just as many apples in bushels, as compared with previous year, and also received double the price, as the fruit was superior to any ever before grown in that section, both in size and quality.

Those who raise large crops of onions spread manure in the fall, plow it under with a one-horse plow, and, if the weather permits during the winter, the land is cross-plowed, which incorporates the manure with the soil. The rains and frost pulverize the manure, and when early spring arrives the plant food is ready for the crop. The plot for onions should be made ready now, instead of waiting until the time for planting the seed or setting out the sets.

LIVE STOCK.

The sheep is the only animal that is made vicious by petting. A young ram that is raised by hand, at the house, becomes bold and soon learns to attack cattle and persons.

All deaths from bulls are due to the supposition that they can be made gentle. A bull that is apparently the most peaceable animal on the farm may suddenly, and without cause, become very dangerous. No bull should be allowed its liberty; but should be kept under control.

It would seem that when inferior animals are bringing so little in market, shippers would quit selling them. But there has never been louder complaint than now of the inferior quality of all kinds of live stock in market, except hogs. Much of this stock, selling at ruinous prices, might have been made attractive by proper care and feed.

Professor Sanborn, who proves himself a highly successful practical farmer as well as an agricultural professor and experimenter, made over 100 actual feeding tests with hogs of various weights, using various foods and employing about 400 hogs. He found on the average a certain amount of food was required to make a pound of gain on pigs weighing thirty-five pounds, 3.3 per cent. more food was required to make the same gain on pigs weighing seventy pounds, 14 per cent. more on pigs weighing 125 pounds, 19 per cent. more on pigs of 175 pounds, 22 per cent. more on hogs of 225 pounds and so on up until 71 per cent. more feed was required on hogs weighing 325 pounds. So it appears a hog fed at a fair profit until it reaches 200 pounds would be fed at a loss shortly after it had passed that weight.

On the pruning given a tree during the first few years of life depends the future shape of the tree.

Potassic manures are the best for fruit trees in general. Bone dust and wood ashes are a good mixture.

It is best to begin in good season so as to be ready to winter the bees in as good condition as possible.

Give your hens gravel or some sort of gritty material if you would keep them well and avoid indigestion.

Fall is a good time to prune almost any kind of tree, as the wounds made at this time will not produce decay.



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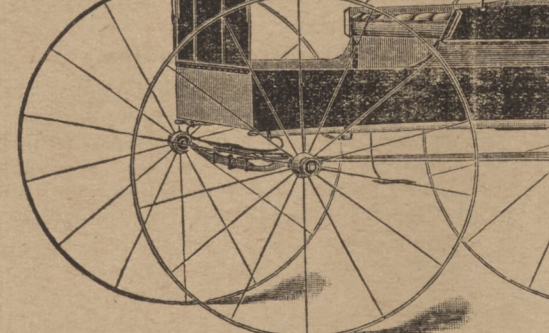
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